**Expository Nonfiction Texts**

**1. Title:** “Pets in the Classroom” by Andrea Mulder-Slater

**Abstract:** An article that lists the pros and cons of classroom pets.

**Link to article:** [**http://www.kinderart.com/teachers/pets.shtml**](http://www.kinderart.com/teachers/pets.shtml)

2. **Title**: “Animals Make Good Teachers” from Scholastic.com

**Abstract:** An article by Scholastic detailing why animals make good teachers

**Link to article**: [**www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-school-life/animals-make-good-teachers**](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-school-life/animals-make-good-teachers)

3. **Title**: “Classroom Pets” by Bj Lewis

**Abstract:** A newspaper article documenting how Dudley Magnet School fifth-graders get an up close and personal lesson about predator and prey in Cheryl Clark's class.

**Link to article**: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nfh&AN=2W63149545570&site=ehost-live>

4.**Title**: "Kids and Critters In Class Together." by Anthony Rud Jr. and Alan M. Beck

**Abstract:** Focuses on how the interaction between children and companion animals shapes students' learning in the **classroom** and elsewhere.

**Link to article**: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=f5h&AN=3849904&site=ehost-live>

**Opposing Viewpoints: Argument Nonfiction Texts**

1. **Title**: “Say 'No' to Class 'Pets'” from Peta.org

**Abstract:** An article by PETA detailing cases of cruelty and neglect of classroom pets across the country.

**Link to article**: [**https://secure.peta.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=2411**](https://secure.peta.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=2411)

2.**Title**: “Pass On the Classroom Pet” from humanesociety.org

**Abstract:** An article for the Humane Society of the United States offering suggested alternatives to the classroom pet.

**Link to article**: [**http://www.humanesociety.org/parents\_educators/classroom\_pet.html**](http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/classroom_pet.html)

**3. Title**: “Why have Pets in the Classroom?” from petsintheclassroom.org

**Abstract:** An article from [*Pets in the Classroom*](http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/) advocating for teachers to adopt a pet for their classrooms.

**Link to article**: <http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/why-have-classroom-pets/>

**Digital Nonfiction Texts**

1.**Title**: “The Importance of Pets in the Classroom” from Martha Stewart video

**Abstract:** A classroom teacher of 26 years explains the benefits of pets in the classroom

**Link to video**: <http://www.marthastewart.com/924378/importance-pets-classroom>